

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Missouri Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse**

**May 5, 2004**

**State Advisory Council Members Present:** Luis Cordova, Kim Dude, Dan Duncan, Sally Gibson-dela Motte, Cliff Johnson, Scott Jordan, Charles Megerman, Mona Perry, Peggy Quigg, Greg White, Rhonda Wilkes

**State Advisory Council Members Absent:** Calvin Allen, Sheila Grigsby, John Harper, LTC William Johnson, Robert Matichek, Dr. Alan Reeves, Keith Spare

**RAC Chairs (or designees) Present:** Sherry Nelson, John Nimmo, Ron Griffin

**RAC Chairs Absent:** Mary Duff, Liz Squibb

**Division/Department Staff:** Michael Couty, Mark Stringer, Debra McBaine, Marsha Buckner, Christie Holterman, Chris Knigge, Mary Henry, Angie Stuckenschneider, Carlton Martin, Charles Williams

**Guests:** Gerrit DenHartog, Angela Hirsch

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Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Reports and Updates	<p>Mark Stringer provided the following update from the Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Division will be applying for the Access to Recovery (ATR) Grant. Three areas of focus for this grant are client choice, expanding access to treatment, and increasing treatment capacity. It is anticipated that awards will be announced by September 30, 2004 and there will be a total of \$100 million available for three years to 10 to 15 states. Mr. Stringer stated that the Division's goal is to move toward a one-tiered system and, if</li></ul>	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Dan Duncan moved that the Council Chair provide a letter of support for the Division's ATR grant application. Motion was seconded by Ms. Quigg, was voted on, and carried unanimously.</p>

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	<p>awarded, the ATR will help in achieving that goal. The grant deadline is June 4, 2004 and a letter of support from the SAC will be requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blake Shaw and Ken Miller are working with Division staff on ADA Strategic Planning. Luis Cordova participated in the first planning session. An update will be provided at the August SAC meeting.</li> <li>• Marsha Buckner provided a brief budget update. The Department's Budget Bill, House Bill 10, has not yet been finalized but is in the final stages of negotiations between the House and Senate. The cuts that were anticipated earlier in the year did not occur due to improved revenue collections.</li> <li>• The Division of ADA did receive an increase in caseload growth for Medicaid reimbursement for women and children's services and methadone services. <i>(An overview of the Department's budget for Fiscal Year 2005 is enclosed.)</i></li> </ul> <p>Charles Williams provided a brief update of prevention activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Division is preparing the application for the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant which is due July 2, 2004. The Governor is the applicant. This grant includes planning, enhancement,</li> </ul>	<p>Provide update on Strategic Planning activities at the August State Advisory Council meeting.</p>

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	<p>and data infrastructure for prevention activities. It is anticipated that SAMHSA will make awards to 20 states. A letter of support from Luis Cordova as SAC Chair will be requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new grant was recently announced called, The Child and Adolescent SIG for which the Department will be preparing an application on behalf of the Governor's Office (summary was distributed). There are four goals related to the Division of CPS System of Care sites. The application is due on June 2, 2004. The planning team would like a letter of support from the SAC Chair to include with the application.</li> </ul> <p>Debbie McBaine reported that registrations for the Spring Training Institute being held May 19-21 are up significantly from last year, with over 925 people registered to date. The Institute is self-supporting through registration fees and outside co-sponsorships.</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u> Scott Jordan moved that the SAC Chair prepare a letter of support for the Child and Adolescent SIG Grant application. Motion was seconded by Rhonda Wilkes, was voted on, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p><b>What Does the SAC Need from the Division? What does the Division Need from SAC/RACs?</b></p>	<p>In accordance with the Communication Plan, this is to be a standing item on the agenda. Mr. Cordova asked for input from Council members and Division staff, which is summarized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RACs need the support of the SAC, particularly from members in their area. Communication needs to flow between the RACs and SAC on a regular basis.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many RACs are struggling with membership recruitment and regular attendance from members. The RACs need to develop specific goals/priorities for their regions in order to maintain focus and a sense of purpose. Some of the RACs have begun to do this—the Central RAC is focusing on underage drinking and has conducted ad campaigns; the Southwest RAC is doing a lot of work in the area of methamphetamine use; and the Northwestern RAC has focused on housing issues.</li> <li>• SAC members need information early in the budget cycle in order to make contact with their legislators and advocate for substance abuse issues.</li> <li>• It was suggested that the Council needs to meet more often; going back to meeting six times per year would help the flow of communication and assist in maintaining focus.</li> <li>• A SAC member needs to be part of the meetings when the program directors and SATOP directors meet once a quarter with the Division Director.</li> <li>• Council members need to take personal responsibility for following through with action items and resolutions from meetings and either close them out or continue working on them. There needs to</li> </ul>	

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	<p>be personal commitment and dedication from Council members and they should not rely solely on Division staff to carry out action items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Council members should play an active role in developing meeting agendas. If they have items to report or discuss, they should forward those to Mr. Cordova prior to the meeting so they can be included.</li> <li>• Mr. Cordova suggested that the SAC hold a planning retreat to help get things back on track. It was suggested that legislative issues and other priorities from previous years be sent to Council members prior to the retreat so they can be reviewed and discussed during the retreat. Many of those items are still relevant and could continue to be areas of focus for the SAC. Members agreed that it is best to focus on a few specific areas rather than getting too broad. The retreat will also be an opportunity to provide an orientation for new members.</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Couty suggested that the Council hold their planning retreat during the National Prevention Network (NPN) Research Conference which is being held in Kansas City, August 22-25, 2004. This will also give SAC members the opportunity to attend the conference. The Division can cover the registration fee and lodging for SAC members during the time they attend. <b>It was agreed that the SAC Retreat would be held during the evenings of August 23 and 24.</b> <i>Additional details will be sent to SAC members.</i></p>
<p><b>Advocacy Activities</b></p>	<p>Dan Duncan provided a brief report of advocacy activities:</p> <p>The NW and Central RACs did a good job getting people to support HB 901 (alcohol tax increase). He reported that, for the first time, the bill got a committee hearing and there was a lot of support for the bill. It's been in conference committee for over a week. Even if it does not pass during this session, there continues to be more support for</p>	

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<b>Regional Advisory Council Reports</b>	<p>this type of legislation and the Council should not lose its momentum in this area.</p> <p><u>Southwest</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council sponsored a methamphetamine presentation in Joplin area which had a great turnout. This is a big problem in the SW region and the RAC plans to continue to work in this area and possibly partner with the NW RAC.</li> <li>• The local C2000 sponsored a youth conference which was well attended.</li> </ul> <p><u>Eastern</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are joining with other community organizations in sponsoring and participating in local events related to substance abuse prevention and treatment.</li> <li>• The Eastern RAC will participate in “Walk for Recovery” in September.</li> <li>• The RAC will meet in May and June, but does not meet during July and August due to vacation schedules.</li> </ul> <p><u>Southeast</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Nimmo reported that they are continuing to work on membership recruitment and several new members have recently been appointed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Report from Missouri Substance Abuse Counselors Certification Board</b>	<p>Scott Jordan provided a report from the Missouri Substance Abuse Counselors Certification Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No ethics violations were received during the last quarter.</li> <li>• Election results are, John Gary, President John Bowen, Vice-President, Stan Landon, Secretary, and Ron Cohen,</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Treasurer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Supervision Manual is being developed.</li> <li>• A licensure bill was filed during this session again and the Certification Board had a number of concerns with the proposed legislation which were discussed during their May meeting.</li> <li>• The Board will be holding a retreat on July 15-16.</li> <li>• The Board recently met with Bill Johnson of the Illinois Counselor Certification Board who shared information on their credential specific to working with criminal justice clients. This is an area the Board is currently exploring for Missouri and is conducting various surveys to determine the level of interest.</li> </ul> <p>Charles Megerman asked about the Board's policy on supervision of trainees who are preparing for the Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) credential. Mr. Megerman stated that the limitations on those who are qualified to provide supervision are problematic and suggested the Board consider changing these requirements to allow professionals such as LPCs, LCSWs, and others to supervise. Mr. Jordan stated that as long as the Qualified Substance Abuse Professional (QSAP) is in existence, the Board's supervision requirements are not likely to change.</p>	
<b>SAC Vacancies</b>	Debbie McBaine reported that there are seven vacancies on the Council. She would like to have all vacancies filled by the August Council meeting. To date, only one RAC has forwarded a	

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	<p>recommendation. She encouraged members to forward recommendations to her as soon as possible.</p>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>Greg White shared information about a new program called “Christian Youth Council” started by youths in Jefferson City. It started with 2 members and now it is up to 100 members.</p> <p>Mona Perry shared information about a Health Fair being sponsored by Samuel Rodgers Community Health Center in Kansas City during the month of June.</p> <p>Kim Dude reported that she recently attended the Partnership in Prevention conference, “Meeting of the Minds”.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.</p>	